

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 STATE 179537
ORIGIN IO-14

INFO OCT-01 ARA-10 EUR-12 NEA-10 ISO-00 EA-10 CIAE-00
DODE-00 PM-05 H-01 INR-10 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05
PA-01 SP-02 SS-15 ICA-11 INT-05 /115 R

DRAFTED BY IO/ML:PWKRIEBEL:SC
APPROVED BY IO:CWMAYNES
NEA/INS:PWLANDE
IO/UN : B S
EA/K:FMISCH
NSC:G R S S)
NSC:RPASTOR
NSC:TTHORNTON

-----047000 151949Z /73

P R 151858Z JUL 78
FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI PRIORITY
INFO AMEMBASSY BELGRADE
AMEMBASSY COLOMBO
USINT HAVANA
USMISSION USUN NEW YORK

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 179537

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PORG

SUBJECT: BELGRADE NON-ALIGNED MEETING, JULY 24-29
REFS: A) NEW DELHI 8396; B) USUN 2269
1. IN LIGHT OF INDIA'S APPARENTLY RENEWED INTEREST
IN LEADERSHIP ROLE IN NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT (NAM)
BELIEVE IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR EMBASSY TO SEEK
DISCUSSION WITH FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIALS OF
FORTHCOMING BELGRADE MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS.
PARALLEL APPROACH BEING MADE IN BELGRADE.
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 STATE 179537

CIRCTELS ON BELGRADE MEETING BEING SENT SEPARATELY.
EMBASSY MAY DRAW ON TALKING POINTS IF APPROPRIATE
IN ADDITION TO FOLLOWING:

-- US APPRECIATED EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH GOI PRIOR
TO AND FOLLOWING HAVANA MEETING OF NACB. BECAUSE
OF INDIA'S SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP TO THE NAM WE WOULD

BE INTERESTED IN ITS VIEWS PRIOR TO THE FOREIGN
MINISTERS' MEETING IN BELGRADE.

-- GOI HAS NOTED MAJOR SHIFT WHICH HAS TAKEN PLACE
IN USG ATTITUDES TOWARD NAM AND NAM ISSUES UNDER
PRESENT ADMINISTRATION. WE WISH TO AFFIRM THAT

ATTITUDE MAKING CLEAR THAT THE USG RESPECTS AND
APPROVES GENUINE NON-ALIGNMENT AND IS INTERESTED IN
A MUTUAL DIALOGUE WITH ALL NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES ON
MAJOR INTERNATIONAL ISSUES.

-- OUR SOUNDINGS INDICATE THAT THERE REMAINS
CONSIDERABLE DISSATISFACTION AMONG NON-ALIGNED
MEMBERS OVER CUBA'S FUTURE LEADERSHIP OF THE
MOVEMENT AND ITS CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH SOVIET
POLICY OBJECTIVES. THERE APPEARS TO BE AT LEAST
A POSSIBILITY OF OPEN CONFRONTATION ON THE CUBAN
ISSUE AT BELGRADE. GOI IS WELL AWARE OF US VIEW
OF HARMFUL INFLUENCE OF CUBAN INTERVENTIONS IN
AFRICA. QUESTION OF CUBA'S NON-ALIGNMENT WAS
DISCUSSED BY PRESIDENT WITH PRIME MINISTER DESAI.
WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ANY FURTHER VIEWS GOI
MAY HAVE ON HOW THIS ISSUE LIKELY TO BE HANDLED
AT BELGRADE.

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 STATE 179537

-- WE NOTE THAT THE GOI SHARES OUR CONCERN THAT
CUBA WILL RESUME ITS IDEOLOGICAL PRESSURE TACTICS
AT BELGRADE AND ARE PLEASED THAT THE GOI WILL RESIST
THESE ATTEMPTS TO CHANGE THE POLICY DIRECTION OF
THE NAM. IS THERE ANYTHING WE CAN DO WITH THIRD
COUNTRIES WHICH WOULD BE HELPFUL? ONE OF THE
PROBLEMS IN THE PAST HAS BEEN THE LACK OF ATTENDANCE
AT MEETINGS BY MODERATE COUNTRIES. DOES THE GOI
THINK THIS WILL BE A PROBLEM? IN THIS CONNECTION
WE NOTE SOME INDIAN INTEREST IN EXPANSION OF THE
MEMBERSHIP OF THE NAM. DOES THE GOI THINK IT
LIKELY THAT MORE LATIN AMERICANS WILL JOIN? IS
THE GOI THINKING OF OBSERVER STATUS OR MEMBERSHIP
FOR SUCH COUNTRIES AS PAKISTAN, TURKEY AND RUMANIA?

-- SOME THOUGHT HAD BEEN GIVEN TO WINDING UP THE
COORDINATING BUREAU. DOES THE GOI INTEND TO PROPOSE
SUCH ACTION? WHAT ARE THE CHANCES FOR SUCCESS FOR
SUCH AN INITIATIVE?

-- WE ARE DISCUSSING THESE ISSUES, AS WELL AS
PARTICULAR AGENDA ITEMS OF INTEREST TO US, IN A

NUMBER OF CAPITALS PRIOR TO BELGRADE IN ORDER NOT ONLY THAT NON-ALIGNED MEMBERS WILL HAVE US VIEWS, BUT ALSO IN ORDER FOR US TO HAVE THE VIEWS OF NAM MEMBER STATES.

-- SOUTHERN AFRICA. WE RECOGNIZE THAT AT BOTH NEW DELHI COORDINATING BUREAU MEETING AND AT HAVANA MEETING NAM AVOIDED ACTIONS WHICH WOULD COMPLICATE ONGOING NEGOTIATIONS ON SOUTHERN AFRICA ISSUES. THE NAMIBIA DISCUSSIONS IN PARTICULAR ARE AT STAGE WHERE IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF NAM COULD CONTINUE TO GIVE ITS TACIT SUPPORT.

-- MIDDLE EAST. THE LANGUAGE IN THE DRAFT HAVANA
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 04 STATE 179537

COMMUNIQUE ON THE MIDDLE EAST WAS UNUSUALLY HARSH AND ONE-SIDED. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE DRAFT DECLARATION PROPOSED FOR BELGRADE IS MORE MODERATE IN TONE. WHILE RECOGNIZING THE GREAT DIVERSITY OF VIEWS WITHIN THE NAM WE BELIEVE THAT WITH THE PROSPECT FOR RENEWED MEETINGS BETWEEN THE EGYPTIANS AND ISRAELIS IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THE NAM NOT TAKE POSITIONS WHICH WOULD COMPLICATE OR UNDERMINE THESE POSITIONS AND HOPE THAT LANGUAGE CAN BE AGREED TO WHICH IS COMPATIBLE WITH THE JOINT INDO-US COMMUNIQUE OF JUNE 15.

-- KOREA. THE HAVANA DRAFT COMMUNIQUE LANGUAGE ON KOREA WAS ALSO ONE-SIDED. IN AN AREA WHERE THE US HAS IMPORTANT SECURITY INTERESTS, SUCH LANGUAGE TENDS TO HEIGHTEN TENSIONS BY EMPHASIZING THE POSSIBILITY OF HOSTILITIES AND DOES NOT ENCOURAGE PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF THIS ISSUE. IF THE NAM SEEMS MOVING TOWARD ADOPTION OF SIMILAR LANGUAGE US WOULD APPRECIATE THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT GIVING CONSIDERATION TO ENTERING THE KIND OF RESERVATION THAT IT HAS IN THE PAST.

-- PUERTO RICO. THE GOI KNOWS THE VIEWS OF THE USG ON NAM CONSIDERATION OF PUERTO RICO. WE REGARD IT AS INAPPROPRIATE. ACTION BY THE NAM WILL DETERMINE IN PART POSITIONS TAKEN IN THE C-24 AND IN THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY. THE US WOULD STRENUOUSLY OPPOSE ANY ACTION ON PUERTO RICO IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND ITS DEBATE IN THAT FORUM WOULD INEVITABLY HAVE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES IN THE US AND DISCREDIT THE UN. WE WERE DISAPPOINTED THAT INDIA DID NOT ENTER A RESERVATION ON THIS
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 05 STATE 179537

SUBJECT AT HAVANA AND HOPE THAT MORE REASONABLE LANGUAGE CAN BE DEVELOPED AT BELGRADE OR AN INDIAN RESERVATION INTRODUCED.

-- ZIONISM-RACISM. THE US WAS DISMAYED THAT THE COORDINATING BUREAU RAISED AGAIN THE ISSUE OF ZIONISM AS RACISM. REAFFIRMATION OF THIS POSITION BY THE NAM AT BELGRADE WILL ONLY DISCREDIT THE NAM IN US AND OTHER COUNTRIES AND CAN HAVE SERIOUS ADVERSE CONSEQUENCES BOTH ON PEACE EFFORTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND WITHIN THE UN ORGANIZATION.

-- BASIC HUMAN NEEDS. ECONOMIC PORTION OF HAVANA COMMUNIQUE STRONGLY CRITICIZES THE BASIC HUMAN NEEDS STRATEGY (BHN). NAM OPPOSITION TO BHN SEEMS TO BE BASED ON THE MISTAKEN IMPRESSION THAT THIS IS A FORM OF PRESSURE BY THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES ON THE LDCS IN SHAPING DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES AND POLICIES. US BELIEVES BHN STRATEGY SHOULD NOT BE A NORTH/SOUTH ISSUE SINCE IT ORIGINATED IN THE ILO WORLD EMPLOYMENT CONFERENCE IN JUNE 1976 AS AN LDC INITIATIVE AND THE RESOLUTION SUPPORTING IT WAS ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS. US SEES BHN STRATEGY AS DESIGNED TO ENHANCE THE CAPACITY OF LDCS TO MEET BASIC HUMAN NEEDS. IT IS NOT INTENDED TO PROVIDE DIRECT RELIEF. INDEED IT IS ESSENTIALLY THE SAME KIND OF DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY INDIA IS NOW PURSUING. BHN DOES NOT DEROGATE FROM THE SOVEREIGN RIGHTS OR RESPONSIBILITIES OF GOVERNMENTS TO DETERMINE THEIR DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES AND POLICIES. WE BELIEVE THERE IS ENOUGH COMMON GROUND IN THE LDC'S AND THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES' UNDERSTANDING OF BHN SO THAT THIS NEED NOT BECOME AN ISSUE BETWEEN THEM.

3. REPORT ON CONSULTATIONS WITH GOI SHOULD BE
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 06 STATE 179537

SENT INFO BELGRADE AND USUN NEW YORK.

4. FYI. WE HOPE THAT IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO HAVE A SENIOR IO/USUN OFFICIAL VISIT DELHI FOR CONSULTATIONS IN THE COMING WEEKS. WE WILL BE SENDING A SEPARATE MESSAGE ON THIS LATER. END FYI.

CHRISTOPHER

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: NONALIGNED NATIONS MEETINGS, FOREIGN POLICY POSITION
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 15 jul 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978STATE179537
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: PWKRIEBEL:SC
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780291-0398
Format: TEL
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780755/aaaabunx.tel
Line Count: 225
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 5c068072-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ORIGIN IO
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 5
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 78 NEW DELHI 8396, 78 USUN NEW YORK 2269
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 09 may 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 1994117
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: BELGRADE NON-ALIGNED MEETING, JULY 24-29
TAGS: PORG, IN, NACC
To: NEW DELHI
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/5c068072-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014